



RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S JOINING WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS' OPPOSITION TO CERTAIN MASTER PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE ALA MOANA REGIONAL PARK.

WHEREAS, Ala Moana Regional Park (AMRP) is a 100-acre park listed on the Hawaii Register of Historic Places, which receives between 3-4 million visitors per year and is known commonly as "The People's Park"; and

WHEREAS, the City has been in the planning stages of a significant master plan to restore and revitalize the AMRP grounds and facilities for some time; and

WHEREAS, some of the planned major improvement projects include sand replenishment, renovations to existing structures, improving pond edges, widening access over the drainage canal along Ala Moana Boulevard, widening the promenade along Ala Moana Park Drive, and reconfiguring parking; and

WHEREAS, a first Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Public Notice was posted on December 23, 2017, and three subsequent public meetings were held, at which many members of the public expressed their disapproval of certain aspects of the master planned improvements contained in the first draft EIS; and

WHEREAS, the City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) posted a second Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the AMRP on February 8, 2019 and a 45-day comment period expired on March 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, at a March 11, 2019 public meeting held to address concerns regarding the SDEIS, organized by Save Ala Moana Park Hui and attended by the City Administration, many residents voiced continued opposition to certain portions of the master plan; and

WHEREAS, the Council joins the residents in opposition to the following aspects of the master plan:

1. Widening of the Makai Shared Use Paths, which is in violation of Ordinance 18-46 (SDEIS 2.3.6, 2.3.10 and Fig 2-7, 2-8);
2. Inclusion of a dog park (SDEIS 2.3.1 Fig 2-2);
3. Addition of perpendicular parking stalls on the mauka side of Ala Moana Park Drive (SDEIS 2.3.5 Fig 2-6);



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4. The replenishment of the Ala Moana beach with sand dredged from the areas outside the surf breaks known as "Courts," "Concessions," and "Baby Haleiwa" (SDEIS 2.3.14, 4.2.5, 4.4.4, 4.6, 5.7.3, and page 4-55); and
5. Inclusion of a one-acre "world class" playground (SDEIS 2.3.15; Fig 2-13; and Table 2-1) that would feature miniature zip lines, slides, swings, and a splash pad, would be equipped with a perimeter fence, security cameras, and lighting, and would accommodate more than 500 children; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu, that the Council joins in the residents' opposition to the following master planned improvements to the Ala Moana Regional Park: the widening of any walkways on the makai side of Ala Moana Park Drive; the proposed dog park near Kewalo Basin; the addition of perpendicular parking stalls on the mauka side of Ala Moana Park Drive; sand replenishment with any sand taken from the areas outside the surf breaks known as "Courts," "Concessions," and "Baby Haleiwa"; and the one-acre "world class" playground; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, while the Council appreciates the City Administration's efforts at needed park revitalization, these revitalization efforts must maintain the local character of the Ala Moana Regional Park for all residents of Honolulu; and





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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Design and Construction, and the Director of Parks and Recreation.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers